



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

29 October 30, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE THE REQUEST TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR COUNTY
EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE
SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO FUND THE BETHUNE PARK AND
MONA PARK GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$1,187,180 to partially fund the Bethune Park General Improvements Project and \$1,454,755 to fund the Mona Park General Improvements Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Bethune Park and Mona Park Improvements Projects categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the proposed projects consist of rehabilitation and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and minor alterations to land for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the projects.
2. Approve the request to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$1,187,180 to partially fund the Bethune Park General Improvements Project.

3. Approve the request to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for County Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, in the amount of \$1,454,755 to fund the Mona Park General Improvements Project.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept the grant funds, conduct all negotiations and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, the project agreement, amendments, Memorandum of Unrecorded Grant Agreement, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit grant applications to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) for County Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), in the amount of \$1,187,180, to partially fund the Bethune Park General Improvements Project and \$1,454,755, to fund the Mona Park General Improvements Project.

The Bethune Park General Improvements Project is located at, 1244 East 61st Street in Los Angeles. The scope of work will consist of the following: replacing basketball rims, backboards; refurbishing handball courts; resurfacing the basketball court; improving the irrigation, turf, paths and barbeques at the picnic area; demolition and replacing benches in the play area; improving restroom exterior and interior, meeting rooms and the foyer of the community building; renovating the gymnasium entrance; replacing structures and fixtures in the gymnasium's main office, foyer, restrooms, shower, drying room, and main gymnasium; repairing and repainting the parking lot; and various painting and landscaping improvements at the park. The estimated total project cost is \$1,434,324 and will be partially funded with \$1,187,180 with County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

The Mona Park General Improvements Project is located at, 2291 East 121st Street in Compton. The scope of work will consist of the following: replacing the equipment shed; renovating the basketball court which includes installing new poles, rims, backboards and resurfacing and restriping the court; refurbishing the existing trellis at the picnic tables area; replacing shuffle board lanes and lighting; improving an existing pathway and installing decomposed granite compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act; replacing various exterior amenities; and refurbishing the stage, community room, community recreation building exterior, and gymnasium and restroom interior and exterior. The estimated total project cost is \$1,454,755 fully funded with County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

In a related action on today's agenda, the District is recommending the allocation of \$2,641,935 in County Excess Funds for the Bethune Park and Mona Park General Improvements Projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3) by enhancing safe and accessible recreational opportunities in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated project cost for Bethune General Improvements Project is \$1,434,324. The project will be partially funded with \$1,187,180, in County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District. The project will be supplemented with \$247,144 in Quimby ACO funds.

The total estimated project cost for Mona General Improvements Project is \$1,454,755, funded entirely with County Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District.

Sufficient appropriation for the projects is budgeted in the Second Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Excess Funds Project Fund and Quimby ACO funds.

OPERATION BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions will allow the Department to propose general improvement projects at Bethune Park and Mona Park for grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize from the project provisions but will be dependent on the final provisions of the grant. The Department will re-evaluate the projects and identify any additional costs upon acceptance of grant funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department meets this requirement.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Bethune Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacement of basketball rims, backboards; refurbishment of handball courts; resurfacing of the basketball court; improvement of the irrigation, turf, paths and barbecues at the picnic area; demolition and replacement of benches in the play area; improvement of restroom exterior and interior, meeting rooms and the foyer of the community building; renovation of the gymnasium entrance; replacement of structures and fixtures in the gymnasium's main office, foyer, restrooms, shower, drying room, and main gymnasium; repair and repainting of the parking lot; and various painting and landscaping improvements at the park, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a) and 15304 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (d) and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves rehabilitation and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and minor alterations to land. The proposed work will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

The proposed Mona Park Improvements Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The project, which consists of replacement of the equipment shed; renovation of the basketball court which includes installation of new poles, rims, backboards and resurfacing and restriping of the court; refurbishment of the existing trellis at the picnic tables area; replacement of the shuffle board lanes and lighting; improvement of an existing pathway and installation of decomposed granite compliant

with the Americans with Disabilities Act; replacement of various exterior amenities; and refurbishment of the stage, community room, community recreation building exterior, and gymnasium and restroom interior and exterior is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (a) (d) and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (d) and 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves rehabilitation and replacement of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity and minor alterations to land. The proposed work will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended projects will enhance safe and accessible recreational opportunities at two County parks in the Second Supervisorial District. The park will remain open during construction; however, some impact to existing park programs and services will occur during construction. Informational signage will be included and portable restrooms will be provided to minimize impact. In addition, a contingency program will be prepared to identify alternative locations for park patrons to visit during construction.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors